Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

For administrative convenience and efficiency, they were clubbed together.

Pativattattu Palam in Amballur Village.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR.

187. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Pativattattu palam in the Amballur Village is in a fit condition for passengers to go over? If not, how long has it been in this condition?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

In Karkadagam last the bridge got out of repair. Its reconstruction is engaging the attention of the Government.

Manure Depots in the State.

Mr. I. E. AMBOOKAN.

188. (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of manure depots in the State conducted by the Government for the sale of manure to the public and the different kinds of manures that are being sold there and the prices of the same in each depot?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the quantity of each sort that has been sold in the last year and the amount realised by the same?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

(1) There are three manure depots. They are located at—

(a) Vyttila (Cocoanut Station).

(b) Irinjalakkuda.

(c) Trichur.

A statement showing the different kinds of manures stocked and the cost of each is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

(2) A statement giving the information required is subjoined. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

The Location of Excise Shops.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

189. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether there are any rules (and if there are rules, to state them) fixing the minimum or maximum number of Excise shops of any kind that may be located in any place;

(b) Distance between villages where toddy and arrack shops are to be located;

(c) Number of trees that can be tapped for any toddy shops; and

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(d) The price at which toddy can be sold?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) There are no rules. But the number is fixed according to the actual requirements.

(b) No distance is specified.

(c) A minimum of 20 cocoanut trees, 15 palmyras or 10 sagos should be applied for with each original application by toddy shop-keepers. More trees will not be allowed than are sufficient to meet the actual requirements.

(d) Not fixed. But the frontier shops have to sell toddy at rates not lower than those prevailing in the neighbouring Malabar District and the Travancore State, as the case may be.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sub-division (b)—is the price of the toddy fixed? Is it left to the sweet will of the auctioneers or the contractors to sell toddy at any price as they like?

Mr. V.B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

At present it is so.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

So they can increase or decrease the price according to the times.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

But there is that qualification with regard to frontier shops.

The location of a toddy shop in Pudukkad.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

190. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether the toddy shop at Pudukkad is located within a few yards of the school consisting of about 700 students;

(b) Whether it is very near the church, the chapel, the post office, the C. Y. M. A. Hall and the market;

(c) Whether the Excise Superintendent or the District Magistrate has received complaints from the local public for the removal of the said toddy shop to any other place;

(d) Whether the Excise Superintendent has received statements from the Headmaster and the local public to the effect that students are waylaid and molested and Rev. Fathers ill-treated and abused by the drunkards in the vicinity of the shop;

(e) The action taken by the Government in the matter;

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